

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 246

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Barbara L. Wood of Bethel

Offered by: Representatives Haas of Rochester, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, French of Randolph, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, McCormack of Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Pugh of South Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, and Townsend of South Burlington

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, Nitka, Doyle, MacDonald, Mazza, Snelling, and Westman

Whereas, Barbara Wood was a respected civic leader in the town of Bethel, and

Whereas, she graduated from Rochester High School; the former Mary Hitchcock Hospital's nursing school in Hanover, New Hampshire; and Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of World War II, Barbara Wood served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, and

Whereas, from 1950–1955, she was employed as a registered nurse at Gifford Memorial Hospital in Randolph, and later she served as a hospital trustee, and

Whereas, in 1963, Barbara Wood was elected to the Bethel School Board, on which she served conscientiously for 22 years, and

Whereas, her effectiveness as a school board member convinced Bethel area voters to send her to Montpelier to represent them in the House of Representatives, where she would serve honorably for seven consecutive terms, and

Whereas, Barbara Wood's extensive familiarity with public education resulted in her appointment to the House Committee on Education, and her legislative tenure twice included service as the committee's vice chair (1983-1984) and (1987–1988) and, one term on the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and

Whereas, she was a sponsor and strong supporter of 1985 Acts and Resolves No. 71, the law that established universal access to kindergarten in Vermont, and

Whereas, her continuing interest in public education resulted in her serving on the Vermont Higher Education Planning Commission, the Board of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges, and the Education Commission of the States, and

Whereas, Barbara Wood's long and fulfilling life ended with her death on November 7, 2015, and survivors include her children, Craig, Brian, Dennis, and Joan; Joann, the widow of Barbara Wood's late son, Gary; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Barbara L. Wood of Bethel, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of Barbara Wood's children and to her daughter-in-law.